

Parent Information
School Age Children

Scabies



Your child has a rash that may be scabies.

Scabies is caused by tiny insects called mites. These mites burrow under the skin. This causes a very itchy rash to appear.

Scabies is very contagious and needs a prescription medicine to clear it up. You must take your child to a doctor or nurse practitioner as soon as possible.

Do not allow your child to share clothes, beds, towels, etc. with other family members until the scabies is treated. If scabies is not treated, it can lead to very serious illnesses. All clothing, sheets, blankets, towels, etc. should be washed in hot water and dried in a hot dryer to kill the scabies mites when treatment is started.

Information from DHEC's Child Care and School Exclusion Lists:

Exclude children with scabies until appropriate scabicial treatment has been completed (usually overnight).

Your child can return to school with a medical note.

For additional information about exclusion when a child has scabies, see the DHEC Child Care and School Exclusion Lists of Contagious or Communicable Diseases at <http://www.scdhec.gov/health/disease/exclusion.htm>

Child's Name _____

School Nurse _____

Date _____

School _____

School Phone Number (_____) _____



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